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SUBJECT: CANADIAN EGGS AND TURKEY QUOTAS

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1. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM GOC THAT WE ARE MOST CONCERNED WITH TRADE IMPLICATIONS OF ITS ANNOUNCED QUOTAS ON EGGS AND TURKEY IMPORTS (REF A). WE THEREFORE PROPOSE TO TAKE UP ISSUE ON THE OCCASION OF THE CONSULTATIONS ON MEAT NOW SCHEDULED FOR JULY 18 IN WASHINGTON, AND HOPE THAT CANADIAN PARTICIPANTS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS OUR CONCERNS AT THAT TIME. EMBASSY SHOULD STRESS, HOWEVER, THAT WE HAVE NO INTENTION OF LINKING SUBSTANCE OF EGGS/ LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TURKEY ISSUE WITH THAT OF MEAT.

2. WE BELIEVE CANADIAN ACTION TO BE PARTICULARLY UNFORTUNATE IN VIEW OF SERIOUS QUESTIONS RAISED BY U.S. REPS

DURING JUNE 11 CONSULTATIONS CONCERNING EFFECTIVENESS OF CANADA'S DOMESTIC SUPPLY MANAGEMENT SYSTEM, CONFORMITY OF QUOTA WITH RELEVANT GATT PROVISIONS, AND REPRESENTATIVENESS OF BASE PERIOD WHICH FAILS TO TAKE ACCOUNT OF PERMANENT UPWARD TRENDS IN IMPORTS FROM THE U.S. IN OUR VIEW THESE QUESTIONS REMAIN AND WE DO NOT BELIEVE BORDER MEASURES SHOULD HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THESE QUESTIONS ARE SATISFACTORILY RESOLVED.

3. EMBASSY SHOULD RELAY SERIOUSNESS OF THIS PROBLEM FOR U.S. TURKEY AND EGG PRODUCERS AND EXPORTERS AND NOTE OUR REGRET THAT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO ARRIVE AT A SATISFACTORY ADJUSTMENT OF THIS MATTER BILATERALLY. USG MAY POINT TO CANADA'S UNSUCCESSFUL RECORD WITH ENFORCEMENT OF DOMESTIC CONTROLS SINCE INITIATION OF PROGRAM IN 1974. WE ARE ALSO CONCERNED WITH RESPECT TO HOW CANADIANS PLAN TO HANDLE THEIR EGG EXPORTS TO THE U.S. AND THIRD COUNTRIES AND TO DISPOSE OF SURPLUSES IF EGG PRODUCTION CONTROLS FAIL.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD ALSO INFORM GOC THAT THE USG IS UNDER STRONG INDUSTRY PRESSURES TO TAKE RETALIATORY ACTION UNDER TITLE III, SECTION 301 OF THE TRADE ACT AGAINST CANADIAN TURKEY AND EGG QUOTAS. THE EGG INDUSTRY HAS PARTICULARLY QUESTIONED RATIONALE FOR PERMITTING CANADIAN EXPORTS TO U.S. AND OTHER MARKETS AT TIMES WHEN IMPORT QUOTAS IN PLACE AND PRESSED US FOR COMMITMENT THAT USG WOULD ACT IMMEDIATELY IN RESPONSE TO ANY CANADIAN SUBSIDIZATION OF THESE PRODUCTS EITHER TO U.S. OR THIRD COUNTRY MARKETS OR DIVERSION OF CANADIAN SURPLUS EGGS TO U.S. NATURE OF CANADIAN RESPONSE TO OUR CONCERNS WILL HAVE SIGNIFICANT BEARING ON OUR ABILITY TO MANAGE THESE PRESSURES.

5. EMBASSY MAY ALSO NOTE OUR CONCERN WITH ABSENCE OF DETAILS ON HOW OVERALL SUPPLY-MANAGEMENT SYSTEM WILL OPERATE. WE WILL HAVE MANY QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
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LARGELY ALONG LINES OF THOSE CONTAINED IN STATEMENT ISSUED JULY 10 BY CANADIAN FOOD PRICE REVIEW BOARD (REF B). INGERSOLL

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